GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Classification of BPL Families
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued guidelines to the State Governments to identify families Below Poverty Line (BPL) category, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether different criteria is being followed by various State Governments for identifying people under BPL, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are allegations that Panchayati Raj Institutions like Gram Samities have been partial in including the non-eligible people under the BPL category and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to issue directions/instructions to all the State Governments to streamline the process of identification of BPL families with a view to safeguard the interest of the poorest among the poor people?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.75 for answer on 28th April, 2016.

(a), (b) & (d): The Ministry of Rural Development provides financial and technical support to the States/UTs for conducting Socio Economic and Caste Census-2011 (SECC-2011) to generate a large number of socio and economic indicators for ranking of households across the country. Ranking of Households is made through a three-step process involving thirteen Exclusion parameters for identifying not-poor households, five Automatic Inclusion parameters for identifying poorest of the poor households and seven Deprivation Criteria for identifying poor households. Government of India has advised states to use this process and SECC data for identification of poor households under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana (DAY) and Pradhan Mantri Aawaas Yojana(PMAY).

(c): The Socio Economic and Caste Census 2011 used canvasser method to elicit information on questionnaire directly from each of the households and not through Gram Samities.